

original "Tuskegee Airmen," worked tirelessly on behalf of military veterans and was actively involved in military cultural diversity issues. She served with distinction on a host of city boards including the Fitzsimmons Commission and served with distinction on the Fitzsimmons Redevelopment Authority Executive Committee, Aurora Economic Development Council, Denver International Airport Business Partnership, Lowry Economic Recovery Project, Adams County Economic Development Council, Community College of Aurora Advisory Council and Aurora's Business Advisory Board.

In 10 years on the council John Parosky was a voice for fiscal prudence and effective and efficient government. He brought his financial expertise to bear in ensuring that tax dollars were used as optimally as possible. His commitment to the city can also be found in his work; he devoted countless hours to make Aurora a better place through his work on the Economic Development Committee, E-470 Authority, Aurora Chamber of Commerce, Utility Budget Committee, Visitors Promotion Fund, Aurora Education Foundation, Spirit of Aurora, Community Housing Services and Aurora Rotary club.

An eight year veteran of the council, Bob LeGare was a passionate advocate of small business, who took in a leadership role in many economic development programs. Bob was devoted to the importance of small business, he worked to make Aurora a partner with business to provide jobs and services. He provided leadership on a variety of economic development initiatives including the Fitzsimmons Redevelopment Authority, Colorado Commission on Taxation, Aurora Citizens Advisory Budget Committee, Colorado Office of Regulatory Reform Advisory Board, Aurora Chamber of Commerce, Aurora Association of Realtors and the Aurora Realtor Governmental Affairs Committee and further contributed to the community through Leadership Aurora, Aurora Museum Foundation, and Aurora Open.

Dave Williams served 11 years as a member of the Aurora City Council. He worked to improve the efficiency of the city by encouraging better review processes and more efficient administration. He has been a leader in the business community as illustrated by his experiences on the Aurora Economic Development Council, E-470 Authority, Aurora Rotary Club and the Urban Drainage and Flood Control District.

Mr. Speaker, these dedicated officials deserve our thanks. At a time when cynicism about public officials appears to be the prevailing sentiment, they provide models of dedication and selflessness that defy these contemporary stereotypes. I am honored to have worked with them and wish them well in the days ahead.

CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ON THEIR PAC-TEN CHAMPIONSHIP AND ROSE BOWL BERTH

HON. DIANE E. WATSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 8, 2003

Ms. WATSON. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to count the University of Southern California

among my constituents in California's 33rd Congressional District. This institution is a magnet for diverse people and ideas, attracting students from all 50 states and more than 100 foreign countries. In fact, USC ranks in the top 1 percent amongst the most diverse private research universities in the nation. As an educator, I am inspired to see USC's commitment to academic excellence.

Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to the accomplishments of the University of Southern California football team. Congratulations are in order for USC President Steven Sample, Head Coach Pete Carroll, and the outright Pac-Ten champions, who finished the season with the #1 national ranking in both the AP and Coaches polls.

The USC Trojan football team has shown unique skill, charisma, dedication, and love for the sport. The Trojans accumulated an 11-win and 1-loss record while competing against some of the best programs in the country.

The Trojans regular season performance and their strength of schedule earned them a controversial Bowl Championship Series, or BCS, berth. Although it is a system no one can make sense of, I am pleased that the real National Championship will be decided during the "Grand Daddy of them all"—the Rose Bowl. As those steeped in football tradition know, a Pac-Ten vs. Big Ten match-up in the Rose Bowl, with a #1 ranked team in the game, is a formula for champions.

Mr. Speaker, again I congratulate USC President Steven Sample, Head Coach Pete Carroll, and the football team at the University of Southern California for a season to remember.

ARMENIAN TECHNOLOGY GROUP AND CENTRAL DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY IN ARMENIA

HON. DEVIN NUNES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 8, 2003

Mr. NUNES. Mr. Speaker, I wish to take this opportunity to clarify a key provision in Fiscal Year 2004 Foreign Operations Appropriations which was included in the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2004.

As you know, this Congress continues to be a supporter of strong U.S.-Armenian relations to include economic and related programs. In fact, this bill appropriates \$75 million to help Armenia with its continued progress toward a market-oriented democratic nation.

However, it is not just economic assistance that Congress is voting on today. We are also voting on a provision which expressed the intent of Congress that the U.S. Agency for International Development provides sufficient funding to establish and operate a Central Diagnostic Laboratory in Armenia that can serve the Caucasus region. Currently, there is no such resource in Armenia or the region to safeguard human health and food safety against the threat of contamination or spread of disease.

I believe it is the intent of this Congress that the U.S. Agency for International Development utilize the services of the Armenian Technology Group, a U.S.-based nonprofit organization, to work with Armenian officials to establish and begin operations of this Central Di-

agnostic Laboratory. Furthermore, I believe it is key that this work begin as early as possible so that the Caucasus region, and by extension the United States, can benefit from the protection provided by this Central Diagnostic Laboratory.

IN MEMORY OF THE GOOD LIFE OF HENRY KALINSKI

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 8, 2003

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I am deeply, privileged today to extend on behalf of the Kaptur and Rogowski families and my brother Steve and myself sincerest appreciation to each of you for offering your support, comfort, and love to Hank's beautiful wife of 50 years, Jackie, and the entire Kalinski family; Linda and Bob, Diane and Jim, Debbie and Jeff; to Hank's sisters Vergie, Sophie, Esther and in memoriam of Angie, Jean and his brother Edward; to his treasured grandchildren, Brian, Heather, Matthew, Kevin, Eric, Shawn, Stacey, and in memory of Jason; and to his four great grandchildren, Tyler, Justin, Connor and Alexis; and his nieces and nephews.

We join together today to pay tribute, in sorrow, but also in celebration, of the life of a patriarch, the father of his family, of a truly good man from a working class family, who loved life. What a lasting gift Hank is to each of us—a happy man. He is smiling on us now, for surely he knew we would be here together with Jackie, at this family gathering. He enjoyed being with family more than anything else in the world. He is experiencing a peace now that the world could not give. Hank remains with us now in a spiritual way.

Hank had more than a smile. He had a grin. We all loved to laugh with Hank. That wonderful laugh that came from deep within—not too loud, but genuine. You knew he wouldn't want anyone to be sad, but to be gratified he lived the life he wished to live for most of his years. And Jackie, you and your family bestowed on him the greatest gift of his life—your unconditional and constant love.

As he was asked to bear this enormous cross of affliction for so many years, you walked at his side. He did so with a rare dignity born of uncommon strength and raw courage. He would want us to cheer his decade long marathon and his family's deep devotion. His suffering became a prayer for all of us and our poor world. Every person who witnessed this great "Kalinski prayer of devotion" was changed by its power. Who can ever forget the nurses and doctors who would be overcome by Hank's grin and laughter, even under the most difficult circumstances. The glint in Hank's eyes had no equal.

Now, can you imagine he was the father of three daughters, and the brother of five sisters. But, he was a man's man, a husband to an exceptional wife, a true friend to his sons-in-law, a man who knew how to stand by his loved ones, a builder, a veteran. He was always there, sometimes not uttering a word. He was a Gary Cooper type of character, a quiet strength. He didn't have to show it off.

Happy. Kind. Generous. Funny. Hard-working. Wise. A family man who took unending delight in his grandchildren and